

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: **BEDELL, Daniel Wayne**      Atty Ref.: **HSJ9-2003-0126US1  
(60717-341701)**

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**FOR (TITLE): ION MILL PROCESS WITH SACRIFICIAL MASK LAYER  
TO FABRICATE POLE TIP FOR PERPENDICULAR RECORDING**

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**Box Amendment**  
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15      **REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND PRELIMINARY  
AMENDMENT**

Dear Examiner Tugbang:

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted with Applicant's Request for  
20 Continued Examination. A Final Office Action has been issued dated 12/26/2007,  
Applicant submits the following remarks and amendments, currently due on a  
statutory period for response expiring on 3/26/2008. A petition and fee are  
attached for a 1-month extension of time are included, bringing the period for  
response to 4/26/08. This response is being filed electronically on April 11, 2008.

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**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which  
begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.